

Secretary of Defense

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I have modified para #2 on page 5 along lines over talk but I personally would much favor a stronger statement to avoid getting the removal of the missiles involved in UN discussion.

Language such as this would be my choice.

"Unless offensive military preparations are abandoned forthwith, military action to eliminate them will be required. I have directed the armed forces to be prepared for such an eventuality"

Second.

I would recommend elimination of item 7. It sounds very weak compared to other items & gives impression of a lot of talk and no action which is an impression the President must avoid above all others.

Third.

I think some consideration should be given to a strong personal reaction by the President against Khrushchev similar to his reaction against President Eisenhower, without allowing down to a meeting at a given time. No firm decision (over)

should be taken at this time that the President
will see K at the UN if he comes. He might
well wish to refuse to see him. ~~and~~ My
original thought for a meeting with K was
after we had eliminated bases. which is
quite different from taking before such
action with missiles pointing down our
throats.

My other changes ~~are~~ are shown
on the document.

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